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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Joseph R. Offutt, et al.  
Appl. No.: 09/275,887  
Filed: March 25, 1999  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING  
NON-OBVIOUS SAVINGS IN THE PURCHASE OF GOODS

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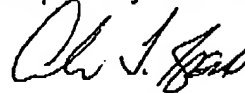
Sir:

Applicant in the above-identified patent application hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated October 22, 2002, rejecting the following Claims 1-8, 10-19, 21-30 and 32-51.

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- ☐ Applicant claims small entity Status.
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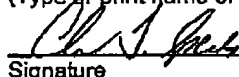
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